



The Hon David Crisafulli
Premier and Minister for Veterans
Queensland Government
By email: premier@ministerial.qld.gov.au

Dear Mr Crisafulli,

We write with a call to action on homelessness.

Homelessness can no longer be ignored while we wait for Housing Plans to be realised. Rates of homelessness are on the rise, while a significant number of families and individuals are stuck in temporary accommodation like motels. Meanwhile, we're seeing more tents in parks and more people living in their cars.

We need to urgently come together for a South-East Qld Crisis Summit on Homelessness, focusing real solutions appropriate to the needs of individuals, families and communities. Bringing the sector together to discuss a coordinated approach to the shared challenges, as recently requested by QShelter.

Homelessness impacts across all ages and stages of life, and diverse communities across the South-East. No one solution will work in solving the prevalence of homelessness as the visibility of tents and people living in cars increases, and are more prominent in our communities.

A Summit needs to be action focused. The agenda must cover:

- A coordinated approach to support the 1,000 plus children, young people, families and single adults cycling in and out of motels.
- Support for people with multiple and diverse needs who are on the streets, tents, cars for shelter – we must prevent criminalisation of homelessness which is caused by both inappropriate housing options or no housing options at all.
- Create a Supportive Housing Growth Plan that invests in a diversity models that are rapid, and scalable to transition people from all populations from rough sleeping and motels to housing.
- Purchase interim Supportive Housing whilst long term housing is being built.
- Review disaster management plans to ensure the inclusion on the needs of people experiencing homelessness.

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We need to stop the cycle of homelessness.

There are better ways and solutions to what is currently taking place.

We have the evidence; we know that permanent supportive housing model work.

We can make **rapid and cost-effective ways that are scalable to meet the needs of those who** are or have been sleeping rough—on the streets, in parks, in tents, in cars, cycle through motels and emergency accommodation.

The following peak bodies and peer organisations urge the Queensland Government for a South-East Queensland Crisis Summit on Homelessness.



We would be pleased to discuss this letter and provide any further information or clarification.

Sincerely,

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The Hon. Samuel O'Connor MP Minister for Housing and Public Works and Minister for Youth.

The Hon. Amanda Camm MP Minister for Families, Seniors and Disability Services and Minister for Child Safety and the Prevention of Domestic and Family Violence.

The Hon. Timothy Nicholls MP Minister for Health and Ambulance Services.

The Hon. Laura Gerber MP Minister for Youth Justice and Victim Support and Minister for Corrective Services.

The Hon. Daniel Purdie MP Minister for Police and Emergency Services.

The Hon. Ann Leahy MP Minister for Local Government and Water and Minister for Fire, Disaster Recovery and Volunteers.